

## Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 6, line 21 as follows:

In another embodiment, a method for ~~authenticating~~ authenticating a text message sent by a text messaging system to a wireless terminal equipment having means for storing a personal equipment identification number, the text messaging system comprising means for storing an equipment identification number uniquely assigned to the wireless terminal equipment, and wherein the text message having information data field and text data field, includes the steps of:

at the text messaging system:

encrypting the text data field content by using the equipment identification number assigned to the wireless terminal equipment as the shared key;

setting an encryption identifier in the information data field of the at least one text message; and

sending the encrypted at least one text message to the wireless terminal equipment;

at the wireless terminal equipment:

receiving the encrypted at least one text message;

determining if the received encrypted at least one text message contains an equipment identification number as a shared key encryption; and

decrypting the received encrypted at least one text message using the personal equipment identification number of said wireless terminal equipment as a shared key.